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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

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If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at 617/542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

No fee is believed to be due. However, if any fees are to be assessed, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the balance due to the undersigned's account, Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference 15966-585A, CURA-85A). A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants submit herewith a Preliminary Amendment for the above-identified patent application. Applicants believe that no fee is required for the filing of the present paper. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311 (Reference No. 15966-585A, CURA-85A).

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

In the title of the specification: please delete "NOVEL POLYPEPTIDES AND POLYNUCLEOTIDES ENCODING SAME" and insert -- NOVEL THYMOSIN BETA 10-LIKE PROTEINS AND NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING SAME --

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the specification as indicated above to correct typographical and clerical errors. Applicants submit that the above amendment adds no new matter.